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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki HATTA, et al.

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For: SEARCH PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2008, and having a period for response set to expire on March 27, 2008.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.